Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method <u>of tracking and synchronizing content across a plurality of client devices and a server,</u> comprising:

receiving <u>new content within</u> a request from a user ~~corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network~~;

reviewing ~~a record associated with the~~ specific content <u>within said new content</u> in response to the request and ~~analyzing the associated record to determine what~~ <u>comparing with</u> duplicate or related content <u>which</u> is available across <u>any of</u> the multiple devices;

~~selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on said reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content; and~~

performing the request <u>and creating a new content record corresponding to said new content;</u> ~~in response to receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation~~

<u>automatically completing said new content record based on information contained in the specific content as well as information about the presence of duplicate or related content which is available across the multiple devices; and</u>

<u>updating the records of duplicate or related content with information about the specific content associated with said new content record to synchronize all the content records.</u>

2. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: according to Claim 1

receiving a copy, delete, or print request from a user corresponding to said specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;

reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the multiple devices;

transmitting a confirmation for the request in response to detecting the presence of any duplicate or related content; and

performing the request in response to receiving the request and instructions from the user in responding to said confirmation wherein the reviewing further comprises using a preference corresponding with the request to determine whether the confirmation is transmitted.

3. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: according to Claim 2

receiving a copy, delete, or print request from a user corresponding to said specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;

reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the multiple devices; and

determining wherein said preference determines utilization of any duplicate or related content based on a pre-established preference and the type of request which was received.

4. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 2, ~~according to Claim 1~~ wherein said confirmation presents the user with options as to which content to use for performing said request ~~in response to~~ based on the presence of duplicate or related content.

5. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 1, ~~according to Claim 1~~ wherein said specific content includes one from the group of content items consisting of a photograph, music, a document, and a video.

6. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 1, ~~according to Claim 1~~ wherein each content record includes a field for related content ~~the request includes one from the group of request types consisting of saving, deleting, modifying, and printing of the specific content~~.

7. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 3, ~~according to Claim 1~~ further comprising storing the preference in a storage device.

8. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 1, ~~according to Claim 1~~ further comprising storing the record in a storage device.

9. (currently amended): A [[The]] method as recited in claim 2, ~~according to Claim 1~~ wherein the confirmation asks the user for authorization for executing the request.

10. (currently amended): A system for tracking and synchronizing content across a plurality of client devices and a server, comprising:

means for receiving a request from a user to create a new content record for new content received ~~corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific~~

~~content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;~~

means for reviewing ~~a record associated with the~~ specific content <u>within the new content of said new record</u> in response to the request and ~~analyzing the associated record to determine what~~ <u>comparing with</u> duplicate or related content <u>which</u> is available across said multiple devices;

~~means for selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content; and~~

means for performing the request <u>and creating a record corresponding to said new content</u> ~~based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation~~

<u>means for automatically completing said new content record in response to information contained in the specific content as well as information about said duplicate or related content which is available across the multiple devices; and</u>

<u>means for updating the records of duplicate or related content with information about the specific content associated with said new content record to synchronize the content records.</u>

Claims 11-16 (canceled).

17. (currently amended): A system <u>for tracking and synchronizing content across a plurality of client devices and a server</u>, comprising:

an interface module configured for receiving a request specifying content;

said interface module is configured for communicating over a network between one or more client devices and a server device;

said specific content <u>along with existing duplicate content, and/or related content are</u> ~~duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is~~ retained across multiple devices configured for communicating over the network;

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content;

a storage module configured for storing a preference wherein the preference corresponds to types of request and includes at least one criteria for performing the request;

a review module configured for analyzing the specific content and a corresponding content record associated with the request, ~~in light of the request~~ to find ~~determine what~~ duplicate or related content that is available across the system containing the multiple devices;

said review module also automatically updates content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content;

said review module configured for selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the analysis and the presence of duplicate or related content and the preference for determining whether the request is performed; and

said review module executes the request based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation~~; and~~

~~a control module configured for coordinating tasks, requests, and communications between said interface module, storage module, and review module.~~

18. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ further comprising a capture module configured to identify the content.

19. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ wherein the content includes one from the group of content items consisting of a photograph, music, a document, and a video.

20. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ wherein the interface module is configured to provide a confirmation based on the criteria for performing the request as contained in said preference, said confirmation configured for confirming that the user desires to proceed with performing the request.

21. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ wherein the storage module is configured to store the record.

22. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ wherein the storage module is configured to store the content.

23. (currently amended): A [[The]] system as recited in claim 17, ~~according to Claim 17~~ wherein the request includes one from the group of request types consisting of saving, deleting, modifying, and printing of the content.

24. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a tracking and synchronization method across a plurality of client devices and a server, comprising:

receiving a request from a user corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content;

reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the multiple devices;

automatically updating content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content;

selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on said reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content;

performing the request based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation.

25. (currently amended): A system for synchronizing and tracking content across a plurality of client devices and a server, comprising:

a server configured for communication over a network;

a client device configured for communication over the network with said server;

an electronic processor in said client device, said server, or in both said client device and said server; and

programming executable on said electronic processor for,

receiving a request specifying specific content,

communicating over the network between said client device and said server device and at least one other client device connected to the network,

said specific content along with existing duplicate content, and/or related content are ~~, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is~~ retained across multiple client devices configured for communicating over the network,

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content,

analyzing the specific content and a corresponding content record associated with the specific content in response to said request to find ~~and~~

~~determining the availability of~~ duplicate or related content <u>that is available</u> on devices connected to the network,

<u>automatically updating content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content,</u>

transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related content is available,

receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation,

executing the request based on instruction.

26. (currently amended): A system for synchronizing and tracking content <u>across a plurality of client devices and a server</u>, comprising:

a server configured for communication over a network;

a client device configured for communication over the network with said server;

an electronic processor in said client device, said server, or in both said client device and said server; and

programming executable on said electronic processor for,

storing a preference setting for one or more types of requests, said preference including at least one criteria for performing the request;

receiving a request from a user specifying specific content,

communicating over the network between said client device and said server and at least one other client device connected to the network,

said specific content <u>along with existing duplicate content, and/or related content are</u> ~~, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is~~ retained across multiple client devices configured for communicating over the network,

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content,

analyzing the specific content and a corresponding content record associated with the specific content in response to said request to find and determining the availability of duplicate or related content that is available on devices connected to the network,

automatically updating content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content,

transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the preference setting when duplicate or related content is available,

receiving instruction from the preference setting, and/or from the user in responding to said confirmation, as to how to execute said request,

executing the request in response to said instruction.

27. (currently amended): An apparatus for synchronizing and tracking content across a plurality of client devices and a server, comprising:

a client device configured for communication over the network with a server and/or at least one other client device;

an electronic processor in said client device; and

programming executable on said electronic processor for,

receiving a request specifying specific content,

communicating over the network between said client device and a server and/or at least one other client device connected to the network,

said specific content along with existing duplicate content, and/or related content are , duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said

~~specific content, is~~ retained across the server and/or multiple client devices configured for communicating over the network,

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content,

analyzing the specific content and a corresponding <u>content</u> record associated with the specific content in response to said request <u>to find</u> ~~and determining the availability of~~ duplicate or related content <u>that is available</u> on servers and/or client devices connected to the network,

automatically updating content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content,

transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related content is available,

receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation,

executing the request based on said instruction.

28. (currently amended): An apparatus for synchronizing and tracking content <u>across a plurality of client devices and a server</u>, comprising:

a server configured for communication over a network with client devices;

an electronic processor in said server; and

programming executable on said electronic processor for,

receiving a request specifying specific content,

communicating over the network between said server and at least one said client device connected to the network,

said specific content <u>along with existing duplicate content, and/or related content are</u> ~~, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said~~

~~specific content, is~~ retained across said server and at least one said client device configured for communicating over the network,

wherein a content record is associated with each specific content, with said content record having information fields for accessing the duplicate content and/or related content,

analyzing the specific content and a corresponding <u>content</u> record associated with the specific content in response to said request <u>to find</u> ~~and determining the availability of~~ duplicate or related content <u>that is retained</u> on client devices connected to the network,

automatically updating content record fields associated with existing content in response to receipt of new content which is found to be a duplicate or related to the existing content,

transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related content is available,

receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation,

executing the request based on said instruction.